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#### GLOWBUGS Digest 81

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by Bill Sorsby <bill.sorsby@dlep1.itg.ti.com>
- 3) Glowbuggin' Tonight  
by rdkeys@csemail.cropsci.ncsu.edu
- 4) WTB 73 Mags  
by Schroeder.Wbst207V@xerox.com
- 5) Mail Item Format Warning  
by response@ibmmail.com

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Date: Fri, 19 Jan 1996 14:42:56 +0100 (MET)  
From: Duncan Cadd <dcadd@luc.ac.be>  
To: boatanchors@theporch.com  
Cc: dcadd@luc.ac.be, glowbugs@theporch.com  
Subject: In Marconi's Footsteps  
Message-ID: <9601191342.AA12395@alpha.luc.ac.be>

Greetings, Folks, from a cold and dull Diepenbeek in N.E. Belgium!

The original postings on this appeared months ago, but anyhow . . .

This very morning, my copy of this book arrived, several months after I

ordered it. Almost died when I saw the price - 1788 Belgian francs.  
"Hertz's haemorrhoids" I thought, "Can any book this size be worth 40 quid?"  
Well, had I known what getting it into Belgium would cost, I might not have  
ordered it, but as it was a special order, I couldn't very well say to the  
lady in the bookshop that I didn't want it.

Minutes later, as I sat thumbing through it, I was glad I hadn't! My word,  
what a book! Expensive, yes, and maybe had I ordered it in the UK (or the  
North American Continent) it would've been a lot cheaper, but take the quality  
of the photos, page after page, radio gear from 1904 or so, ship's wireless  
installations, ladies making induction coils - mostly, thanks to the old  
plate cameras, without a trace of grain. Most of 'em look like they were  
taken yesterday. The detail is exquisite. And then there's all the piccies  
of the reproduction gear the author spent years creating, many in colour.  
The "1910" marine installation he made in 1991, magnetic detector, quenched  
and rotary spark gaps, induction coil, etc etc etc. Plus all the detail of  
how he made it. Around 160 pages, 28 x 20 cms, of sheer joy.

My apologies to those who subscribe to both the BA and Glowbugs lists for the  
repeat posting, but if you have any interest in spark radio, you will want  
this book. It's one of those "darn fool" books. If you lend it to someone  
and expect it to come back, you're a darn fool.

Details:

Title: In Marconi's Footsteps Early Radio  
Author: Peter R. Jensen VK2AQJ / G4GZT  
ISBN: 0 86417 607 4  
Publ: Kangaroo Press Pty Ltd,  
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Kenthurst,  
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Pardon my enthusing. Buy it and you will understand why.  
73,

Duncan ON9CHU / G0UTY G-QRP 8117 dcadd@luc.ac.be

Obligatory hollow state postscript: it has a schematic of Marconi's valve  
receiver of 1912 (Fleming diodes) plus a couple of photos of EARLY valve  
transmitters, including 2L0 and 2MT.

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Date: Fri, 19 Jan 1996 09:49:18 -0600  
From: Bill Sorsby <bill.sorsby@dlep1.itg.ti.com>  
To: Glowbugs@theporch.com  
Subject: 160 meters last night  
Message-ID: <199601191549.JAA00860@dlep1.itg.ti.com>

Greetings,

After reading all the posts about 160 here recently, I decided to listen in last night for a bit. It was quite interesting. There was very little QRM, but pretty good band usage. Lots of SSB signals throughout the band, a number of data signals (wonder what they're sending), and a few CW signals at the low end. There may also have been an AM signal or two, but nothing intelligible here in North Texas.

I was using my old British KW2000B transceiver which covers 1.8 - 2 MHz in conjunction with an 80 meter inverted vee. For some reason I didn't have any transmit drive on 160, so I was limited to just listening. (Darned, everytime I think I've got that KW2000B fully functional, some new problem shows up!)

Signal strengths generally weren't strong enough to more than tickle the s-meter (probably because of the antenna), but there was at least one signal hitting about 40 over s9. Was last night typical of 160 recently, or was it one of the better nights?

I'm also wondering what sort of antennas people are using for 160. My city lot won't handle an inverted vee for 160, although I'm thinking about just doubling the length of the 80 meter inverted vee by running wire along the wooden fence at the low ends. Has anybody tried that? (I keep thinking about using open wire feeders and a matchbox to work all bands, but that's a more ambitious project.)

Regards,  
Bill Sorsby, N5BU

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Views expressed herein are my own.  
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Date: Fri, 19 Jan 1996 14:38:22 -0500 (EST)  
From: rdkeys@csemail.cropsci.ncsu.edu  
To: glowbugs@theporch.com  
Cc: rdkeys@csemail.cropsci.ncsu.edu ()  
Subject: Glowbuggin' Tonight  
Message-ID: <9601191938.AA106226@csemail.cropsci.ncsu.edu>

Well, the storm and high winds have finally passed off the Outer Banks,  
so the ol' Top Band should be in fine form, tonight.

Hope to see you all on the QRG/1802-1805khz QTR/0200-0500utc for another  
installment of the continuing saga of the ``Trials and Tribulations of Miss  
Henrietta Hartley, Miss Tanya TunedPlateTunedGrid, Miss Terri TCS, and  
the Grand Dame `Big Bertha' Radiomarine.'' (It sound like the Ladies'  
nite at the Roller Derby.....)

Fires up yer bottles, an' keeps yer keys at the fore, cuz the band it be  
a' jumpin' tonite!

73/ZUT DE NA4G/Bob

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Date: Fri, 19 Jan 1996 12:45:05 PST  
From: Schroeder.Wbst207V@xerox.com  
To: boatanchors@theporch.com, glowbugs@theporch.com  
Subject: WTB 73 Mags  
Message-ID: <"19-Jan-96 15:45:10".\*.Schroeder.wbst207v@Xerox.com>

I am looking for three issues of 73 Magazine-

October 1974

April 1982

October 1982

If anyone has any of the above issues available for sale, please contact me. TIA

---Looking for RAL receiver---

73 Russ W2DYY

schroeder.wbst207v@xerox.com

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Date: Fri, 19 Jan 1996 15:56:11 EST  
From: response@ibmmail.com  
To: glowbugs@theporch.com  
Subject: Mail Item Format Warning

Message-ID: <199601192056.0AA25501@uro.theporch.com>

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